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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB
Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As former head of the Mid-America Regional Council, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and current City Councilman, I am writing you today to ask for your continued support in finding a solution for LightSquared's plan to bring an innovative new wireless telecommunications network to Missouri.

Over the past decade, LightSquared has helped first responders complete their missions by providing innovative and reliable mobile satellite communications during emergencies. LightSquared's plans to add a new 4G-LTE service to their satellite network will give emergency personnel an unprecedented level of affordable and reliable communications, allowing first responders to be more effective and safe at times when natural disasters wipe out other telecom capabilities. Unfortunately, we've witnessed more than our share of natural disasters this year in Missouri and the Missouri River continues to put pressure on our levees.

In addition to accelerating communications capabilities with a 4G network, LightSquared has at its disposal a newly launched next-generation satellite that provides ubiquitous broadband coverage over the entire country. This will provide accessible and affordable broadband to communities, businesses and schools that currently suffer the ill effects of our country's digital divide.

We cannot pass up this opportunity to enhance our ability to protect life and property. That is why I am asking you to work to support LightSquared's plans to roll out national wireless service.

Sincerely,

Dick Davis, City Councilmember
City of Kansas City, 1st District